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MEXICO.

Precautions to be taken against spread of typhus fever in city of Mexico.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton at Laredo reports, February 1, as follows :

A sanitary campaign is about to be inaugurated to prevent the spread of typhus fever in the City of Mexico, where it is assuming a grave character. The disease is practically confined to persons who are unable to travel, and is therefore not a serious menace to the United States at present.

Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, January 29, as follows:

Week ended January 27, 1906.

January 24. The British steamship *Straits of Dover* was issued a bill of health on the 20th, but the vessel did not sail until the 24th. She was bound for a port north of Hatteras, via Daiquiri, with 25 in the crew. Vessel sails in ballast.

January 23. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Matador*, bound for Galveston, with 25 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. British steamship *Ottawa*, bound for Philadelphia, with 33 in the crew. The *Ottawa* is a tank steamer and sails in ballast.

January 24. Inspected and passed the Swedish steamship *Wermland*, bound for Pensacola, with 20 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. The American steamship *Seneca*, bound for New York via Morro Castle, for orders, with 55 in the crew and 2 first-class passengers; vessel sails in a partial general cargo.

January 25. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Horda*, bound for a port north of Hatteras, via Cardenas, with 26 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast.

January 26. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Nor*, bound for Galveston, via Port Arthur, with 18 in the crew and 7 first-class passengers; vessel sails in a partial cargo, consisting of coffee and palm hats.

January 27. Inspected and passed the Danish steamship *St. Croix*, bound for New Orleans, via Veracruz, with 48 in the crew, 6 first-class and 5 third-class passengers; vessel sails in a general cargo from Europe; French steamship *Louisiana*, bound for New Orleans, with 70 in the crew and 7 third-class passengers; vessel sails in ballast. The Norwegian steamship *City of Mexico* was issued a bill of health, but sailing January 28 will be included in next week's report.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Plague and smallpox in Chile and Peru—Precautions taken at Callao—Yellow-fever situation at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, January 20, as follows:

The following report is received from the Director de Salubridad, at Lima:

Plague, December 21, 1905, to January 11, 1906.

| | New cases. | Cured. | Died. | Remain- ing. |
|--------------------|------------|--------|-------|-----------------|
| Lima..... | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Callao..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Trujillo..... | 17 | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| Nueva Chosica..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| San Pedro..... | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Payta..... | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 35 | 13 | 18 | 19 |

Bills of health from Antofagasta, Chile, January 4, report 26 cases of smallpox with 12 deaths, and 3 cases of plague with no deaths for the 2 weeks preceding; from Iquique, January 6, 20 cases of smallpox with 5 deaths; from Salaverry, Peru, a few cases of plague at Moche, 5 miles north of that port; from Eten, Peru, plague at Chiclayo, 18 kilometers from that port.

The situation in Guayaquil with regard to yellow fever is serious, and the enforcement of sanitary measures by the local authorities is extremely difficult, though not altogether suspended.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera—Inspection of vessels—Circular relative to modification of outgoing interisland quarantine.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 21 and 29, and January 4, as follows:

During the week ended December 16, 1905, the following quarantinable disease was reported for the city of Manila, namely, cholera, 2 cases, 1 death.

Vessels for United States ports were treated as follows, namely:

On December 16 the British steamship *Ghazee*, with 59 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew were inspected on board at hour of sailing. Miscellaneous cargo certified, 6,021 pieces.

On December 16 the U. S. army transport *Sherman*, with 187 crew, 129 cabin, and 837 steerage passengers, was granted a bill of health. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected; all cargo and baggage either disinfected or passed, and so labeled. All on board inspected at Mariveles at hour of sailing.

Week ended December 23, 1905. Plague, 1 case, 1 death; cholera, 1 case, 2 deaths.

Cholera.

The cholera situation has remained practically the same as at the time of the last report. There were 1 new case and 2 deaths reported during the week.

The disease is now gradually disappearing from the province of Cavite, and apparently is establishing itself in the province of Bulacan. The bureau of health is following the disease from center to center and promptly stamping it out wherever it makes its appearance. These efforts so far have been successful, in that the disease has practically remained stationary.